

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the Office Action made final and mailed February 23, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the "Final Office Action". At the time of the last examination, Claims 3, 5, 7-16, 18, 19, and 21-30 were pending for consideration. The Final Office Action allowed all of the claims, except for Claims 11 and 27, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). By this amendment, Claims 11 and 27 are cancelled. Entry of this amendment after final is appropriate since the amendments place the case in condition for allowance, leaving only allowed Claims 3, 5, 7-10, 12-16, 18, 19, 21-26 and 28-30 pending. Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested.

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